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I. WEEKLY SUMMARY

CONGRESSIONAL SCHEDULE

On Friday, October 18, Congress is expected to adjourn at least until after the November 5 election. A lame-duck session after the election is anticipated to resume work on FY 2003 appropriations and pending authorization bills.

Meanwhile, House and Senate conferees are expected to continue negotiations this week on pending comprehensive energy legislation. In addition, the Senate may vote on the conference report for the FY 2003 Appropriations bill for the Department of Defense.

FY 2003 APPROPRIATIONS

Continuing Resolution Last week, Congress introduced three additional continuing resolutions (CR) and the House and Senate passed the fifth CR, *H. J. Res. 122* on October 10. The bill, which extends operation of the Federal Government at the FY 2002 funding level until October 18 is pending the President's signature.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE NEGOTIATIONS/VOTES

FY 2003 Appropriations

H.R. 5011/S. 2709 – FY 2003 Appropriations for Military Construction On October 19, conferees agreed on report language, which passed both the House and Senate on October 10. The conference report includes the following provisions of interest:

Military Construction - \$5.56 billion, which includes:

- Barracks - \$1.2 billion
- Child Development Centers - \$18 million
- Hospital and Medical Facilities - \$151 million
- Guard and Reserve Components - \$688 million

Family Housing - \$4.21 billion for construction and privatization projects

Operations and Maintenance, etc. - \$60 million

H.R. 5010/S. Rpt. 107-213 – Defense Appropriations On October 10, conferees approved report language for this bill. The full House voted on and approved the bill on October 10; the bill is pending a Senate vote. Provisions of interest include the following:

Operation and Maintenance - \$114.8 billion for real property and other non-related facility expenses.

Comprehensive Energy Legislation

Last week, rumors circulated that an “energy lite” bill was being negotiated between the House and Senate leadership. Such a bill would delete highly controversial language dealing with drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge favored by House Republicans and a climate change initiative supported by Senate Democrats. However, there is no confirmation that such a deal has been brokered. Meanwhile,

conferees continue to struggle over a number of other controversial issues including utility restructuring, a renewable portfolio standard, and ethanol as a vehicle fuel. Conferees and House and Senate leaders are expected to continue discussions on the bill this week.

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II. COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

HOUSE

FY 2003 Appropriations

H.R. 5559 – FY 2003 Appropriations for the Department of Transportation and Related Agencies The Committee on Appropriations marked up this bill on October 7. Provisions of interest include the following:

Department of Transportation

New Headquarters Building - \$25 million

U.S. Coast Guard - Acquisition, Construction, and Improvements – Unspecified funding for shore facilities

Federal Aviation Administration – Unspecified funding for construction of test facilities and quarters and related accommodations for officers and employees in remote localities

H.R. 5605 – FY 2003 Appropriations for the Departments of Veterans' Administration and Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies The Committee on Appropriations approved the bill on October 9. Provisions of Interest include the following:

Department of Veterans' Administration

Major Construction - \$193.740 million

Minor Construction - \$210.7 million

Environmental Protection Agency

Buildings and Facilities - \$42.918 million for repair, extension, alteration, and improvement of EPA facilities.

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SENATE

No action items of interest to report.

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III. STATUS OF FY03 APPROPRIATIONS BILLS

(In Billions)

HOUSE

SENATE

<i>Jurisdiction/ FY 2003 Budget Request</i>	<i>302(b) Allocation ns/ Approved Funding Level</i>	<i>Bill No.</i>	<i>Full Cmte.</i>	<i>Floor</i>	<i>Conf.</i>	<i>302(b) Allocation s/Approved Funding Level</i>	<i>Bill No.</i>	<i>Full Cmte .</i>	<i>Floor</i>	<i>Conf.</i>
Agriculture \$17.051	\$ 17.601	HR 5263	7/11	7/26		\$ 17.980	S 2801	7/25		
Commerce \$ 40.333	\$ 40.726	-	7/18			\$ 43.475	S 2778	7/18		
Defense \$356.598	\$354.7	HR 5010	6/24	6/27	10/10	\$ 355.1	S Rpt 107- 213	7/18	8/1	Conf. Report Vote Pending
Energy and Water Development \$25.149	\$ 26.027	HR 5431	9/05			\$ 26.300	S 27844	7/24		
Interior \$18.953	\$ 19.8	HR 5093	7/9	7/17		\$ 19.35	S. 2708	6/27		
Labor / HHS \$129.902	\$129.902	HR 5320				\$133.988	S 2766	7/18		
Military Construction \$ 9.541	\$ 10.083	HR 5011	6/24	6/27	10/10	\$ 10.622	S 2709	6/27	7/18	10/10
Transportation \$ 19.851	\$ 19.411	-	Oct. 1			\$ 21.1	S 2808	7/25		
Treasury \$ 17.960	\$ 18.501	HR 5120	7/9	7/24		\$ 18.501	S 2740	7/16		
VA/HUD \$ 92.518	\$ 90.9	-	10/9			\$ 91.434	S 2797	7/25		
Continuing Resolution H J Res 112 P.L. 107-235				10/3				10/3		

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IV. NEW LEGISLATION

(Note: Once a new bill is introduced, the Government Printing Office generally requires from several days to one week to make the bill available in print)

HOUSE

Number	Short title	Date	Sponsor	Status
H.R. 5537	No Short Title	October 2	Collin Peterson (D/MN)	Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
	Provisions of Interest:	To amend the <i>Internal Revenue Code of 1986</i> to allow a \$25,000 offset for individuals under the passive loss rules to apply to investments in wind energy facilities.		

SENATE

There is no new legislation of interest to report.

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V. ADMINISTRATION INITIATIVES

No new initiatives or action items of interest to report.

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VI. HEARINGS SCHEDULE

HOUSE - COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

No new hearings, mark ups, or votes of interest have been scheduled.

HOUSE - AUTHORIZATIONS/OVERSIGHT

No new hearings, mark ups, or votes of interest have been scheduled.

SENATE - COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE NEGOTIATIONS/FLOOR VOTES

House and Senate conferees are expected to continue negotiations this week on pending comprehensive energy legislation. No date and time for these negotiations have been released.

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